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# COMMITTEES WORK TOGETHER.

## Strong Fight To Be Put Up Against Beam Trawling.

### Boston, Portland and Provincetown Workers To Meet Here Friday.

Great interest is being awakened among owners of fishing crafts and skippers in the matter of securing legislation that will eradicate beam trawling from the fishing banks, and the marketing of their catches at United States ports.

The local committee, which is looking up the date and matter to be presented to the congressional committee in Washington held an enthusiastic meeting with the Boston committee yesterday, and talked over the situation in general.

Optimistic hopes are being held forth and every one is busy in the movement. The fact that the fishermen and skippers and vessel owners in Portland and Provincetown have promised their aid is very encouraging, while those from other ports will probably be heard from shortly. At Boston the sentiment was found of the most encouraging nature.

A meeting of the committees appointed in Boston, Portland and Provincetown will meet the local committee of the Master Mariners Association at the rooms of the latter in this city, Friday afternoon and further discuss and consider the matter.

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## SWELL WELL CHRISTENED.

### STRIKES BIG MARKET ON MAIDEN TRIP WITH 40,000 POUNDS HADDOCK.

Only two arrivals were at T wharf this morning, the steam otter trawlers Swell and Spray.

The Swell is in from her maiden trip and has about 40,000 pounds of haddock and 300 cod, while the Spray hauls for 45,000 pounds of haddock and about 1000 pounds of cod.

The only price quoted was on haddock, which sold for \$5.50 a hundred weight right through.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Str. Swell, 40,000 haddock, 300 cod.  
Str. Spray, 45,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Haddock, \$5.

#### HOLLAND HERRING FISHERY.

### Year 1911 Generally Considered a Bad One by Vessel Owners.

Yzermans & Co., reviewing from Vlaardingen the Holland herring fishing of 1911, find the year a bad one for shipowners and dealers generally. While the total catch of herring was enormous much of the fish were taken in July when the weather was tropical, and many thousands of barrels had to be thrown away, having been sun-cooked, or at least damaged by the hot atmosphere. After Nov. 1 bad weather at sea interfered with the fishing. Stock is estimated at about the same as in 1910. The figures for the year ending Dec. 21 were 650,000 barrels, against 758,000 in 1910, 755,000 in 1909 and 659,500 in 1908. The price the latter year, however, was \$1.13.00, while for 1911 it averaged \$1.18.25. In 1910 the average price was \$1.14.75.

#### HOWLING GALE.

### Shore For Miles is Strawn With Fragments of Lobster Pots.

The weather at Yarmouth, N. S., the latter part of last week blew a howling gale, commencing Thursday morning, and causing great damage to telephone and electric wires. The bay shore from Digby Neck to Chebogue Point is strewn with fragments of thousands of lobster traps which will mean a severe loss to the lobster fishermen, probably amounting to thousands of dollars and will mean in some cases the profits of the whole season's work to reft.

#### Foochow Has Canned Fish Factory.

The city of Foochow, in China, imported fish and fish products to the value of \$201,393, against \$223,130 worth in 1909. The export of fish and

fish products for the same two years amounted to \$24,976, in 1910, and \$25,732, in 1909. The imports of seaweed in 1910 were valued at \$23,597, while in 1909 they amounted to \$28,134. Foochow's first canned fish factory was established in 1910 but no figures of its output are available just yet, writes U. S. Consul Samuel L. Gracey in a report to his government, just made public by the Bureau of Manufacturers, Department of Commerce and Labor.

#### Porto Rico Market.

Porto Rico's fish market was without change in prices on December 26, the date of the latest market letter at hand from S. Ramirez & Co. Codfish was quoted at from \$7.75 to \$8 per 100 pounds and pollock and haddock at \$5 to \$5.25. Recent arrivals were as follows: At San Juan, 55 tierces cod, 81 tierces pollock. At Ponce, 436 tierces, 55 drums, 100 boxes codfish, 100 tierces pollock and 85 tierces haddock. At other points, 47 tierces codfish, 35 tierces pollock and 40 barrels of herring.

#### How Much is "Plenty"?

There is now plenty of salt fish on the market, at least there is enough to satisfy all demands for the present says the Portland Press. Those in the provinces who have been holding for a rise in the market have begun to unload. They are still holding a good part of the immense stock they gathered together, but some of it has found its way into the market and has relieved the situation to a great extent.

#### To Take Out Frozen Herring.

Schs. Clintonia and Priscilla Smith which arrived from Newfoundland, a few days ago with frozen herring cargoes will not discharge here. The Clintonia sailed for Boston this morning and the Priscilla Smith for New York, where they will take out their fish.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

Owing to the very severe weather, very few of the local fishing fleet have been getting out of Portland lately. But one arrival was reported Monday. This was the Edmund F. Black which had 5000 pounds of mixed fish.

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#### SERIES OF BLIZZARDS.

### Swept Over Newfoundland Past Week and Culminate in Hurricane.

An express train was blown from the rails with the exception of the engine, during a hurricane last night. The train was preceded by a snowplow and so was going slowly at the time and no one was hurt. The hurricane was the culmination of a series of blizzards which have been sweeping the island for the past week.

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## NO ARRIVALS HERE TODAY

HEAVY HEAD WINDS HOLDING BACK FLEET TO EASTWARD.

Not an arrival from off shore has been reported in port during the last 24 hours, quiet reigning along the water front this morning.

The heavy blow kept the shore boats and gill netters in port yesterday, none daring to venture out. The only fresh fare is that of sch. Slade Gorton, which arrived yesterday and is being taken out at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company's wharf at the Port.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Elk, halibuting.

Sch. Clintonia, Boston.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, New York.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

##### Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large, 31c.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt, medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 17 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 26 to 36 cts. each.

##### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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#### SUGAR CURED SHARK MEAT.

### Will Soon Become a Great Fancy Table Delicacy.

Near Santa Monica, Cal., catching sharks for food is a business of which Chinese appear to have a monopoly. The shark after being skinned is cut in thin strips and placed on wire screens in the sun to dry. Layer upon layer is so placed and a liberal quantity of sugar is sprinkled between them. The heat of the sun sugar cures the meat, which is said to become very tender and of a rather pleasing flavor. The product is often called candied shark, and when it is cured successfully it commands a high price among the foreign population that inhabit the mining centres in the western states. Many Americans have found the meat so cured very appetizing, and it is predicted by some, says the San Francisco "Chronicle," it will soon become a fancy article of food throughout the entire world.

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#### Sold Her Fare Here.

Sch. Slade Gorton, which arrived from the Cape Shore yesterday forenoon with a fine fare of 75,000 pounds of fresh fish, did not market her fish in Boston, as was expected and sold here to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

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## NEW FISH SHIPPING RULING NOW.

Duty Free When Transshipped on Other Craft or Railroad.

The free entry of fish into the United States will be materially facilitated by the amendatory regulations issued by the secretary of the treasury yesterday, which will affect principally Gloucester and all American crafts fishing in the waters of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

The new regulations provide that fish caught in foreign waters by Americans, or under their supervision, may be transferred from the vessel by which they were caught to another ship or to a railroad and imported into this country free.

Previously fish imported in a vessel other than the vessel by which the same were taken could not be entitled to free entry unless shown to the satisfaction of the collector of customs at the port of entry, by affidavits, or otherwise, that it was impracticable, for commercial reasons or because of accident, stress of weather, or otherwise, for such fishing vessel to bring the catch into port.

No notice of the new regulations have been received here as yet, but copies will probably be forwarded within a day or so.

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## HAD GALE HEAVY.

### SCH. EVELYN M. THOMPSON REACHED PORTLAND YESTERDAY WITH CREW EXHAUSTED.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson of the Boston fleet put into Portland yesterday afternoon after a hard battle with the wind and seas outside, having on board about 45,000 pounds of fresh fish, caught off the Nova Scotia coast.

Capt. Herbert Thompson was out about 14 days and when he headed her for Boston, the schooner ran into the first of the great storms of the last five days.

Tuesday, within 20 miles of Thatcher's island, the storm became terrific and Capt. Thompson was forced to head the craft out to sea. The men had to work day and night cutting ice and the schooner was frequently washed by the seas. They were too thankful when they made port to think of anything but a chance to eat and sleep.

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W. H. Glidden of Salem was in the Times office recently and told of a wonderful seine, the inventor of which had approached him in regard to promoting a company to put the seine on the market, but before doing so, Mr. Glidden was anxious to get the opinions of different captains and expert seiners in regard to it and he asks them to reply by letter or through the columns of this paper.

The seine has a motor attached and is worked by means of lines held in the hands of the man in the dory. For instance when the fish are sighted, the motor is started and the seine moves toward the fish at a rapid rate. When a safe distance from them, by pulling a line, it is made to dive to any depth wished and it still moves toward the fish. When under the fish, a line is pulled causing the seine to open up and pulling another line, the whole thing rises rapidly to the surface, where it is closed up and you have the fish, for if they try to dive they must go into the seine. Is it a winner or a loser?

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#### PEARL FISHERS USE X-RAY.

The pearl fishers on the coast of Ceylon find the X-ray of service. They no longer have to open every oyster to discover whether it contains pearls. They merely apply the X-ray and it can readily be seen whether the oyster is worth opening.



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## ARRIVALS ARE BUT VERY FEW.

ONE OFF SHORE YESTERDAY AND ONE BOAT AT T WHARF TODAY.

The fresh fish market at T wharf, Boston, this morning, was extremely quiet, only one arrival, sch. Annie and Jennie having arrived since yesterday. Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffrey Thomas arrived yesterday with a fine trip from off shore, hailing for 62,000 pounds, chiefly haddock.

Haddock, cod and pollock sold for \$6 a hundred weight, and hake at \$4. Yesterday the Cynthia got \$4.25 for new and \$3.75 for old haddock.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Cynthia, 58,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 haddock, 100 c. d., 1200 hake, 700 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.75 per cwt.; cod, \$6; pollock, \$6; hake, \$4.

## RECORD PRICE FOR HALIBUT.

ONE FISH BID UP TO 50 CENTS PER POUND AT T WHARF.

A record in the way of high prices was established down at T wharf yesterday morning, when a buyer for one of the large wholesale houses bid 50 cents a pound for shoal halibut. There was but one shoal halibut in the market and the commission dealer having this for sale specified that it weighed 25 pounds. When the commission man mounted the selling platform of the exchange he was nearly mobbed by wholesale buyers, each of whom wanted to purchase the halibut for his own concern. Starting at 10 cents a pound, bids leaped to 15, 25 and 30 in quick succession. Half a dozen voices shouted "35" at once. From this point the bidding was somewhat slower, but it went up at the rate of a cent a pound per bid until it was finally knocked down at the record price of 50 cents per pound, or \$12.50 for the 25 pounds of fish.

When the commission man went to deliver the goods, however, he found that the fish which he had supposed weighed 25 pounds, tipped the scales at exactly nine pounds. In cases of this kind it is a rule at T wharf that the fish be put up at auction again. This was done, and this time the halibut was disposed of for 40 cents a pound, which is also a record high price.

### IN TUESDAY'S GALE.

Two Small Bay of Fundy Fishing Vessels Were Lost.

A message was received at St. John's yesterday from Dipper Harbor, on the coast of Bay of Fundy, reporting the loss of the fishing schs. Whisper and Paris Tuesday, during a gale which swept the province. The vessels were at anchor when the full force of the gale struck them. No one was on board the fishermen when they went down.

### Still Building Bankers.

A handsome new fishing schooner was launched from Smith and Rhuland's yard, Lunenburg, last Thursday afternoon, when the Marion Adams slid gracefully into the water. The Adams is a good specimen of the work of Smith and Rhuland. She will be in charge of Capt. John Knickle, one of the luckiest of the fish-killers, and will be a valuable addition to the fleet of Adams and Knickle.

### The Swell Was Badly Iced.

Capt. Herbert Green brought the brand new otter trawler, the Swell, into T Dock yesterday morning, ending her first trip. Besides a fine big load of groundfish, she brought back to port more natural ice than any other steam trawler that ever sailed from T wharf. Her decks, rails, masts and pilot house were encased in a covering of spray-ice so thick that all attempts to chop it with an ax failed.

## ONE HALIBUT CATCHER HOME.

HEAVY WEATHER OUTSIDE HOLDS THE SHORE FLEET IN PORT.

The heavy gale kept the market boats and fleet of gill netters in port yesterday, and it was a pretty quiet day along the water front.

This morning, sch. Cavalier from Grand Bank arrived here with 15,000 pounds of halibut, it being the only off-shore arrival since Tuesday.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, via Boston.

Sch. Effie M. Prior, via Boston.

Sch. Harmony, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Muriel, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.

Br. sch. Goldie Bell, in tow of tug Nellie, Boston.

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Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

#### Made Fine Stocks.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffrey Thomas, stocked \$2600 as the result of the fresh haddock trip landed at Boston yesterday. The craft was absent 16 days.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, which took out her fresh fare here yesterday stocked \$2200 as the result of her trip.

## IN CLEAR OF ANOTHER STORM

TWO HERRINGERS FROM BONNE BAY GOT ALONG THIS MORNING.

It still continues rather quiet along the water front, only two arrivals having been reported since yesterday morning.

They are schs. Fanny A. Smith and Harry A. Nickerson, both with Newfoundland herring cargoes. Both are from Bonne Bay, the former hailing for 900 barrels of salt, 30 barrels of pickled and 900 barrels of frozen herring. Capt. Leander Morash and crew after recovering from their desperate experience as related in yesterday's Times, left Portland yesterday, arriving here this forenoon.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson was badly iced up and likewise encountered some bad weather on the passage home. Outside of the breakwater she signaled for a tug this morning, and the Nellie steamed down and brought her in. She has 200 barrels of salt, 30 barrels of pickled and 1000 barrels of frozen herring.

The fleet of gill netters did poorly yesterday, the big crafts securing only small fares. Most of the fleet went out this morning, while a large number of the market boats got underway for the fishing grounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Weazel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D. Gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Bonne Bay, N. F., 960 bbls. salt herring, 30 bbls. pickled herring, 400 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Bonne Bay, N. F., 200 bbls. salt herring, 30 bbls. pickled herring, 1000 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Edith Silveria, returned.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, in tow of Tug Eveleth, Boston.

Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Genesta, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Romance, haddocking.

Sch. Lucania, haddocking.

Sch. Harmony, haddocking.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Gouliart, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Gouliart, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Galatea, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Actor, haddocking.

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## NEW YORK AND THE LOBSTER

New York consumes and distributes more lobsters than any other city at home or abroad. The consumption there is almost 3,000,000 lobsters a year, and of these about one-third are sold alive by the fish dealers, says the Sun.

Nine-tenths of the lobsters come from east of Portland. The best of the large lobsters come from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Labrador. Most of the short lobsters, those from eight to 12 inches long, come from Maine, where almost 2000 lobstermen work mainly for the New York city market.

Live or boiled lobsters are sold to consumers just as cheaply as at Portland, Me., or St. John, N. B. Chicago consumes four times as many lobsters as Boston, and San Francisco consumes more lobsters from the north Atlantic markets than all the cities of Maine and New Brunswick.

New York and New Jersey lobstermen used to supply about one-tenth of the lobsters for the local market. Nowadays they supply few lobsters. Once in a while New York bay and New Jersey lobstermen come to town with curiosities in the shape of lobsters from four to eight times the average size. Some of these big lobsters weigh from 20 to 25 pounds each and are from 30 to 60 years old. The meat is tough and unpalatable.

These big lobsters are sold to be mounted on a backing of fine wood and to be used as a decorative exhibit in retail markets. They are also used in another way for decorative purposes.

They are coated with a thin layer of varnish and over the varnish before it dries plumbago is sifted through a silk stocking. Then the lobster is placed in an electro copper plating tank. When taken from the bath the copper plated lobster is covered with the hues of a lobster just taken from the sea or boiled or broiled. These lobsters find a sale as ornaments for yacht clubs or seaside bungalows. One house in Newport has a dozen of these copper encased lobsters in use as wall brackets with incandescents electric lamps fixed to the claws.

From December to March, New York dealers receive many orders for live lobsters from the Far West. In cool weather no ice is used in the packing.

The barrel is filled with alternate layers of seaweed and lobsters. The specially made barrels are returned to this market. A recent shipment of live lobsters to Bismack, N. D., arrived with every lobster alive. When the package came back the unpacker found one live lobster still in the seaweed. The lobster dealer telegraphed to the club at Bismack:

"In the package returned we found our live lobster. This beats the world's record for traveling by the lobster family."

In a few minutes the club wired back:

"That lobster deserves well of his country. Send him down to Sandy Hook and put him overboard with our blessing and charge the expense on our next bill."

A Sandy Hook pilot executed the commission.

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### Gale Still on at Port aux Basques.

The temperature at Port aux Basques registered 4 degrees yesterday, cloudy weather and westerly gale, the wind velocity registering 68.28 miles an hour.

### Another Good One.

Sch. Diana, Capt. Jethro Nickerson, stocked \$2014 from her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$59.60 each.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Annie Perry of Provincetown is on Burnham Brothers' railways.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Pontiac was at Liverpool, N. S., last Tuesday and cleared.